Name of the State	Instituted			Disposal		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
Karnataka	7197	6699	4143(30.9)	6132	5825	3699(30.9)
Kerala	22787	20719	7485+5004 transferred cases	17240	18810	4403+5004 transferred cases
M.P.	2504(30.9) & 31.12)	2399(30.6)	N.A.	5117	4864	10484
Maharashtra	15982	15253	15409	15553	15927	15553
Manipur	250(30.6)	N.A.	N.A.	186(30.6)	560	624
Nagaland	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Orissa	2276	2076	644(31.3)	1676	1818	2381
Pondicherry	518	503	N.A.	554	691	655
Rajasthan	4287(30.6 &30.9)	N.A.	N.A.	3539 (for quarter 30.9 and 31.12)	N.A.	N.A.
Sikkim	128	26(31.3)	N.A.	117	30(31.3)	N.A.
Tamil Nadu	8578	12064	8115(30.9)	9827	11628	6503(30.9)
Tripura	N.A.	630(30.6)	N.A.	N.A.	446	626
Uttar Pradesh	24408	25962	20950(30.9)	20042	22610	19645(30.9)
Uttaranchal	2991	3830	3579	3497	3110	3002
West Bengal	511	N.A.	N.A.	418	N.A.	N.A.
TOTAL:	107486	104688	65660+5004	97554	100037	85625+5004

Note: The above statement of disposal includes pending cases carried forward from the previous year.

*Family Courts not set up

N.A. —Not Available

Delay in disposal of criminal cases

2482. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are well aware that "Delay defeats equity" as per the law of the nation;

(b) if so, whether in spite of being aware of this fact, the criminal cases are delayed for decades together and delay justice;

(c) if so, the steps having taken to amend the law for earliest finalization of criminal cases and to give justice to the innocent; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and by when such a decision expected to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) to (d) With a view to facilitate speedy trial of criminal cases and to give justice to the innocents, the Code of Criminal Procedure has been amended by an Act of Parliament called Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act, 2005 which, *inter alia,* contains folllowing provisions:

i) The powers of First Class and Second Class Magistrates to impose fines have been enhanced;

ii) Use of modern and scientific techniques have been allwoed in examination of the accused;

iii) Magistrates have been empowered to direct an accused to subject himself to identification by any person;

iv) Magisterial inquiry has been made mandatory in case of death or rape during custody;

v) Magistrates have been empowered to order a person to give specimen signatures or handwriting;

vi) No person can be detained during the period of investigation, inquiry or trial for more than the maximum period of imprisonment provided for the said offence udner than law.

Further, a provision relatiang to Plea-Bargaining has been made operative. Through Plea-Bargaining, the criminal cases can be finalized in a short time while at the time; the victims can be compensated by the accused.

Steel manufacturers allotted iron-ore mines

2483. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) how many new steel manufacturers have got iron-mines allotted in Jharkhand, during the last five years; and